

Through the work of small business people, the spirit of freedom and entrepreneurship is renewed every day of the year. Small business owners take advantage of the liberty and opportunity our Nation offers and achieve success through determined effort, self-confidence, and an abiding faith in the American dream. They show us that, while the risks and challenges faced by America's entrepreneurs are great, so are the rewards of creating jobs, meeting a payroll, and contributing to the development of one's community.

Because individual initiative and private enterprise are the foundation of our Nation's technological progress and economic prosperity, and because small business reaffirms the value of our freedom, we must be committed to maintaining an environment in which they can thrive. This means an environment that is free from excessive government regulation and taxation—one that encourages savings, investment, and innovation. As a Nation, we owe our wholehearted support to those who are helping the United States to become ever more productive and competitive in a rapidly changing world.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GEORGE BUSH, President of the United States of America, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the United States, do hereby proclaim the week of May 6 through May 12, 1990, as Small Business Week. I urge all Americans to join me in saluting this special breed of pioneers, our Nation's small business men and women, by observing that week with appropriate ceremonies and activities.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 8 day of May, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and ninety, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and fourteenth.

GEORGE BUSH

Editorial note: For the President's remarks of May 8, 1990, on Small Business Week, see the *Weekly Compilation of Presidential Documents* (vol. 26, p. 736).

Proclamation 6132 of May 10, 1990

National Digestive Disease Awareness Month, 1990

By the President of the United States of America

A Proclamation

Exacting a high toll in personal suffering, in expense, and in reduced productivity, digestive diseases and other disorders of the gastrointestinal tract are a significant public health problem in the United States. More than half of all Americans suffer from a digestive disorder at some time in their lives, and at least 200,000 Americans die each year due to these afflictions. One of the most common causes of disability, digestive diseases are responsible for almost 15 percent of all hospital admissions and surgical procedures in the country.

Fortunately, major advances have been made in digestive disease research in recent years. Scientists are learning more about the causes of

these diseases and about effective ways to prevent and treat them. The dedicated personnel and supporters of those scientific, governmental, and voluntary health care organizations that engage in digestive disease research are keenly aware of the critical impact of these diseases and of the need for further study. These compassionate and hardworking men and women have committed themselves to increasing public understanding of gastrointestinal diseases and to advancing the Nation's research in the field.

In recognition of the importance of their ongoing efforts to combat digestive diseases, the Congress, by House Joint Resolution 453, has designated the month of May 1990 as "National Digestive Disease Awareness Month" and has authorized and requested the President to issue a proclamation calling for observance of this month.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GEORGE BUSH, President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim the month of May 1990 as National Digestive Disease Awareness Month. I urge the people of the United States, as well as educational, philanthropic, scientific, medical, and health care organizations and professionals, to participate in appropriate ceremonies designed to encourage further research into the causes and cures of all types of digestive diseases.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this tenth day of May, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and ninety, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and fourteenth.

GEORGE BUSH

Proclamation 6133 of May 10, 1990

Mother's Day, 1990

By the President of the United States of America

A Proclamation

For more than three-quarters of a century, we Americans have celebrated the second Sunday in May as Mother's Day. On this day, we pause to honor all those women who, by virtue of giving birth, or through marriage or adoption, are mothers.

"The mother's heart is the child's schoolroom," Henry Ward Beecher once wrote. Indeed, from his or her mother a child learns important lessons about love and loyalty, patience and generosity, personal responsibility, and respect for others. Because we remember these lessons for a lifetime, and because we carry them with us as members of a larger community, our mothers help to shape the character of our Nation.

A mother is not only her little ones' first teacher, but also their first and greatest friend. Her name is often the first word a child utters; her voice is one of the sweetest sounds a child knows.

For some of us, childhood is now a precious memory, but our mothers continue to be as dear to us—perhaps ever more so, as we become more profoundly aware of the many gifts they have given us over the years. The depth of a mother's devotion, demonstrated time and again